

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
City of Mount Vernon
November 20, 2018 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on November 20, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Catherine Poduska, Loren Hoffman, Rory Wiebel and Sandra Fleckenstein. The board has one vacancy. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Wiebel to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from October 23, 2018. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Fleckenstein to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report - October 15, 2018 to November 15, 2018. All parks and their facilities have been winterized. Trees Forever will be doing an inventory and documenting all trees that have been planted as part of the Trees Forever program. Girls basketball is in full swing. The 2018 pool report will be presented in December. Magical Night is November 29th.
5. Update regarding Lester Buersh Community Wellness Center. Contracts were approved and a resolution was passed last night at the Council meeting. Soil work has started at the site. The anticipated opening date is November 1, 2019. Total construction cost bid was \$7,059,000 for the facility itself. There are costs not included in that amount for engineering, equipment and other misc items.
6. Update regarding Capital Improvements Plan for Parks and Rec. Siders received a draft of the Capital Improvements Plan the City is proposing. Items included on the plan are the Elliott/Spring Meadow Heights trail, Elliott Park grading for soccer fields and Davis Park concessions and lighting. Funding sources are coming from franchise fees and LOSST funds (Elliott/Spring Meadow Heights Trail).
7. Discussion regarding future trails projects. Currently the City collects approximately \$55,000 a year to go towards trails, which has been accumulating over the past three years. Over the next 20 years we need to try and target around \$1,000,000 worth of trail work.

8. Discussion regarding adding agenda item pertaining to next meeting date.
Typically the board had met the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The start time was changed a few months ago to 5:30 p.m. Right now the designated time will be the third Tuesday of every month starting at 5:30 p.m.
9. Discussion regarding Park and Rec Fall /Winter Survey. Siders would like to hand this out the first part of next year. A lot of changes have been made recently within the City and now would be a good time to get some feedback. The summer intern worked on a preliminary draft that Siders gave to board members. Minor changes were discussed along with how to distribute the survey to the public. Methods to be used for delivery will be e-mail, Facebook, Twitter and direct mail.
10. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer).
Nothing to report.
11. Old Business. Updates to the Master Plan were discussed.
12. New Business. Fleckenstein asked about putting an ad in the paper regarding the vacancy on the board. Siders will be looking for input on Wellness Center programs, fees and operations/maintenance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m., November 20, 2018

Respectfully submitted
Marsha Dewell, Deputy Clerk